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DEPT PASS CINCEUR INFO

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, JO, LE

SUBJ: JORDANIAN AIRCRAFT TRANSFER

REF: STATE 101446

1. DISCUSSED REFTTEL WITH KING. HE CANNOT ANSWER
QUESTIONS YET. INTERMEDIARY IS EXPECTED HERE IN A
FEW DAYS AND HE EXPECTS GET ANSWERES. ALL HE KNOWS
OF DESTINATION IS QTE FRIENDLY COUNTRY UNQTE. HE
SPECULATES THAT IT IS LEBANON BUT IS NOT SURE. HE

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SAYS PRICE IS VERY INTERESTING. THAT, SALE OF THREE
HUNTERS WILL GIVE HIM ENOUGH TO BUY TWO F-5 S.

2. I EXPLAINED MAP PROBLEM TO HIM, SAYING THAT HE
KNOWS WHAT TROUBLE WE WENT THROUGH WITH 106 S. IF
LEBANON IS CUSTOMER, WE WOULD WANT TO BE HELPFUL. IF
IT IS SOME OTHER COUNTRY, WE HAD TO STUDY MOST CAREFULLY.

3. KING SAID THAT SURE WE KNOW (AS WE DO) THAT ONLY
SOME OF HUNTERS WERE MAP- SUPPLIED (TWELVE OUT OF ABOUT
THIRTY IN INVENTORY). REST WERE PURCHASED.

4. KING IS CONCERNED ABOUT LEBANON AND EXPRESSED ONCE
AGAIN HOPE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES IN WEST WERE COMING THROUGH
WITH NEEDED SUPPLIES IN ORDER BOLSTER PRESIDENT FRANGIE
FOR NEXT ROUND. HE RAISED ONCE AGAIN REPAYMENT OF SURA
ROCKETS SENT TO LEBANON, IMPLYING THAT HE WOULD LIKE US
TO TAKE A HAND IN MAKING SURE THAT HIS WARTIME INVENTORY
IS RESUPPLIED. I MADE NO COMMITMENT ON THIS ONE OTHER
THAN TO SUGGEST HE HAS DIFFICULT PROBLEM IN VIEW OF SWISS
ORIGIN OF THESE ROCKETS.

5. KING SAID RESUPPLY PROBLEM WOULD DIMINISH IF LEBANON
INDEED PURCHASER OF HUNTERS AND IF US CAN, IN TURN, STEP
UP DELIVERY OF F-5 REPLACEMENTS. AS WE CONCLUDED THIS
ITEM, I SAID I COULD NOT DISCUSS F-5 MATTER UNTIL HE
ABLE TO COME UP WITH INFO ON (A) RECIPIENT, (B) MAP OR
NON- MAP ORIGIN OF AIRCRAFT.
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